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92. The apparatus of claim 88, wherein at least one of said grid generator and said channel selector is configured to operate in reflection.

~~Amended claims~~
115. (New) The apparatus of claim 88, wherein the grid generator comprises:

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an etalon; and
a thermal controller to control a temperature of the etalon to maintain the substantial alignment of the first set of transmission peaks with the corresponding channels of the selected wavelength grid.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response, in part, to an Office Action dated September 11, 2002 pertaining to co-pending application Serial No. 09/626,537, and to an Advisory Action dated November 12, 2002 corresponding to the '537 application. In the '537 Office Action and Advisory Action, the Examiner of that case (Examiner Monbleau) identified that the present application and the '537 application have conflicting claims. Accordingly, claim 90 has been cancelled in the present application. Claims 91 and 92 have been amended to now depend from claim 88 rather than cancelled claim 90. Claim 115 has been amended to correct an inadvertent error in its preamble.